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SUBJECT: UNITAS XIX VISIT TO SALVADOR

1. UNITAS XIX IN SALVADOR WAS A SUCCESS. NUMEROUS FAVORABLE COMMENTS WERE MADE ABOUT THE USEFULNESS AND EXECUTION OF THE JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES THAT WERE HELD BETWEEN FORTALEZA AND SALVADOR. A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, GOOD WILL AND CAMARADERIE WAS EVIDENT IN SALVADOR BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TWO NAVIES DURING AUGUST 16 TO 19 VISIT TO PORT.  
2. SOCIALLY, ADMIRAL EKELOUND HOSTED BOTH RETURN CALLERS LUNCHEON ON BOARD USS PRATT ON AUGUST 17 AND RECEPTION ON AUGUST 16 AT THE CONSULAR RESIDENCE FOR ABOUT 250 PEOPLE. IT WAS WELL ATTENDED BY BRAZILIAN AND AMERICAN NAVY OFFICERS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE JOINT EXERCISES, BY ADMIRAL GABRIEL DE ARAUJO BASTOS AND HIS CHIEF OFFICERS FROM SECOND NAVAL DISTRICT (IIND) AND BY MEMBERS OF THE SALVADOR AMERICAN SOCIETY WHO WERE OFFERING HOSPITALITY  
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TO ENLISTED MEN DURING VISIT. COMMANDER OF THE IIND, ADMIRAL GABRIEL, OFFERED BOTH RECEPTION AT PORTUGUESE CLUB ON AUGUST 17 FOR OFFICERS OF BOTH NAVIES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND DINNER ON AUGUST 18 FOR A FEW OF CHIEF PARTICIPANTS IN UNITAS. PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S WIFE HOSTED LUNCHEON ON AUGUST 17 FOR MRS. EKELOUND AND WIVES OF CHIEF BRAZILIAN PARTICIPANTS IN UNITAS.  
3. THE NAVY BAND WAS UNIVERSALLY WELL RECEIVED IN ITS FOUR PERFOR-

MANCES IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT. ATTENDANCE AVERAGED MORE THAN 1000 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: (1) AUDITORIUM OF ATENEU HIGH SCHOOL IN ARACAJU, SERGIPE, SPONSORED BY BNC SALVADOR AND FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF SERGIPE, AUGUST 15., (2) AUDITORIUM OF THE ICEIA INSTITUTE IN SALVADOR, ON AUGUST 16., (3) CONSUL S.S. SCHINDLER HIGH SCHOOL IN SALVADOR, ON AUGUST 17, AND (4) ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF BAHIA CLUB ON AUGUST 18. BAND INTRODUCED NEW FORMAT THAT INCLUDED INCREASED AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND WAS LOUDLY ACCLAIMED BY AUDIENCES AND PRESS IN SERGIPE AND BAHIA.

4. PRESS REPORTS GAVE EXTENSIVE FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO OVERALL VISIT, EXERCISES, BAND, AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTED ADMIRAL EKELUND'S PRAISE OF THE BRAZILIAN NAVY DURING THE PRESS INTERVIEW. COMPLETE SET OF CLIPPINGS POUCHED TODAY AUGUST 22 FOR CMDR MCCUNE TO PASS TO ADMIRAL EKELUND.

5. 900 SAILORS ENJOYED LIBERTY WITHOUT REPORTED INCIDENT. ONE SAILOR MISSED SHIP AND CONSULATE IS LOOKING FOR HIM. ONE UNPAID HOTEL BILL OF TWO SAILORS IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF.

6. ONLY PROBLEMS INVOLVED LAST MINUTE CHANGES BY THE IIND ON SCHEDULING RECEPTIONS, PRESS INTERVIEWS AND COURTESY CALLS. OTHER ITEMS THAT HAD BEEN PROBLEMS ON SOME NAVAL VISITS IN THE PAST SUCH AS CAR AND BUS RENTALS, DRY CLEANING, MONEY CHANGING, ETC WERE LARGELY OBIATED BY GREATER ADVANCE NOTICE AND PLANNING.

7. ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE MCCUNE CONCURS IN THIS REPORT.  
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